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UPHOLD PRESIDENT

WILSON'S HANDS

The Times would call special attention to the article on the second page of this paper, entitled "Ferris Indicts G. O. P. Leaders from Record". This article is a complication of facts and figures by Congressman Scott Ferris, of Oklahoma, which shows conclusively that there should be no "swap ping of horses in the middle of a stream". The facts there brought out furnish abundant evidence that Republican Senators and Representatives will not support a Democratic President, on the whole, at all will-ingly, if at all. This presentment shows conclusively that they have not done so, even in the present war times, when every American citizen should have but one thought and one purpose uppermost and constantly in mind-the winning of the war.

While it has often been proven that intense political feeling will force there has been an issue of The Times aside, when apparent need requires for the purpose of securing a supposed political advantage, measures of the greatest human importance, the proceedings in the present and preceding sessions of Congress affords the real acid test as to whether or not the Republicans, generally speaking, can be implicitly trusted to uphold the actions of a Democratic war president. The result has been, The Times regrets to say, that many of the Republican members of those eminent bodiesoften a majority of them-have failed to measure up to duties of the position which they occupy.

In this connection, the attention of The Times has been drawn to the present campaign in which Judge Spencer Republican candidate for U. S. Senator, is engaged. The Judge himself appears to be keeping in form, at least to the superficial observer, by confining his talks to patriotic addresses, but he always has one or more understudies along with him who deliver rampant Republican speeches. Many people are inclined to the be lief that such practice is not right. In fact many look upon it as being not only contemptible, but unpatriotic and un-American in the extreme. The Times leaves it to its readers to say whether or not they believe in such

he persistently refuses to permit any element of politics to enter. That President Wilson understands and realizes fully the real issues in the present Senatorial fight in this State -Your telegram of yesterday is warmly appreciated. Your support has always been so consistent and generous that I have been sure, in any case, that I might count on you. I am looking forward with genuine satisfaction to our future association. WOODROW WILSON."

COME AGAIN, BROTHER

After devoting a large part of its editorial page last week to an alleged attempt to explain why it is so loud in opposition to part of the Democratic ticket, the Bonne Terre Star leaves that subject in as abject darkness as it was before its strenuous effort to News From Our "come back." Its allegations are still confined to expressions of personal venom of its editor, except in two or three instances where it attempts to From Private Roy Blake to His Sisplace an erroneous construction on the court records.

Regarding the raise and reduction of the lead companies, the Star editor pretends even yet not to understand that the raise was made by the Board of Equalization, which raise was afterward ordered reduced by the Board of Appeals. But, in this trans action, the county came out of the transaction better off financially than if the raise of the Equalization Board had stood.

But The Times does not propose bandy words with the Bonne Terre Star. However, we would like for its editor to state, when he has time, by what right he attempts to criticise the "moral reputation" of any man?

When was the Star editor cleansed and purified, and thus placed in a po-FARMINGTON TIMES sition to judge others? We would suggest that he give his readers a little additional information regarding that \$1,000 bill, providing he is not yet standing on his "constitutional rights." Also a number of widows and poor folks would perhaps like to know something more about the Missouri Plate Glass Co., a get-rich-quick scheme which the Star man so industriously promoted.

Regarding the Star's frightful charge against The Times editor, that he "has not been in our midst overlong," we are compelled to plead guilty. If that is a crime, then we fear that we will become deeply saturated with criminality in time, as we expect to remain here indefinitely. But we have now been here sufficiently long to discover something of the cailber of some citizens of this county. We must also plead guilty to the Star's additional charge of being a "prodigal", if departure from this grand old State consitutes "prodigality". But we came back just as we departed, without fear of the law. If any loss resulted from such action, it was all our own, and our record is open to inspection and just criticism.

Finally, if we ever have been guilty of knocking any person or thing in Farmington, or in St. Francois county, the ultimate intention of such 'knock" has been to boost our own town and county. The Star . spoke truly when it said that "Farmington has a number of excellent enterprises, and a number of the finest men and women in the county, and Farmington itself is very ideally located, pleasantly equipped, a clean home town, just such a town as men dream about." Thanks for this compliment, which we believe is the first that the Star has ever paid to Farmington. If since the present management has been in charge that has failed to boost Farmington, we cannot recall it. We are pre-eminently a booster, whenever it is possible to boost. We are also strong for the truth. Therefore we consider truthful boosting to be one of the highest requisites of newspaper work. If the Bonne Terre Star would substitute a little "boosting" spirit for some of its "bull' throwing, its readers would perhaps be better satisfied.

THE DOOM OF AUTOCRACY

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8 .- The text of President Wilson's communi-cation to the Imperial German Government, handed to the Charge of switzerland today, follows:

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf of the President, your note of October 6, inclosing the com-munication from the German Government to the President, and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German Chan-

Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German Government, and in order that that reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved quire, the President of the U States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the methods of campaigning.

On the other hand, Hon. Joseph W.
Folk, the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, is making a clean, upright, patriotic campaign, in which the parsistantly reference in such that its object in the insurance of the Imperial Chancellor. Does the Imperial Chancellor and the Imperial Chancellor. Does the Imperial Chancellor and the Imperial Chancellor. Does the Imperial Chancellor and that the Imperial Chancellor mean that the Imperial Chancellor and note of the Imperial Chancellor, Does ing into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of

their application?
The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at is shown by the following telegram liberty to propose a cessation of arms recently received by ex-Gov. Folk: to the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated against the Central Powers, so long as the armies of those Powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the Central Powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from in-

vaded territory.

The President also feels that he is jusitfied in asking whether the Imperial Chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the pire, who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of

Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.
ROBERT LANSING.

Boys in Service

ter, Miss Leona Blake, Esther, Mo.

Somewhere in France, Aug. 26, 1918.

Dear Sister:—I received your letter
this morning and was glad to hear
from you once more; and glad to know
that you and Dad are keeping house.
I received a letter from Nettye this
morning saving she had been down I received a letter from Nettye this morning saying she had been down there on a visit and also to see Roy.

We are in the mountains and it is very cool up here at times. Well, I don't think it will be very long before we will all be back. France is a very beautiful country, but I like England the best. I have been through England and most all over France.

We are the first American troops on German soil. From our trenches we can look out over No Man's Land and see the fourth largest town in Germany; and we can also see the Rhine river.

Well, I guess I will close. Answer

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri.

> FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

RE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CON CURBING, THEREIN:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year 1918, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters on this state for adoption, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution to repeal sec-tion II of article 10 of the state Constitution and to enact a new section in lieu thereof as follows: tion 1. That section 11 of article 16 Constitution of Missouri la hereby re-

Section 1. That section 11 of article 16 of the Constitution of Missouri la hereby repeated.

Sec. 2. That in Heu of section 11 of article 10 of the Constitution of Missouri hereby repeated, there is enacted the following new section to be known as section 11, article 10,

section to be known as section.

Sec. 11. Taxes for county, city, town and school purposes may be levied on all subjects and objects of taxation; but the valuation of property therefor shall not exceed the valuation of the same property in such town, city or school district for state and county purposes the annual rate property therefor shall not exceed the valuation of the same property in such town, city or school district for state and county purposes. For county purposes the analysis of the country purposes. For county purposes the analysis of the country purposes. For county purposes the analysis of the country purposes. For county purposes the analysis of the country purposes and under thirty million dollars and under thirty million dollars, said rate shall not exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation; in countries having the million dollars of under thirty million dollars, said rate shall not exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. For city and town purposes the annual rate on property in cities and towns having less than thirty thousand inhabitants or more, shall not acceed sixty cents on the hundred dollars valuation; in cities and towns having less than thirty thousand and over ten thousand inhabitants, said rates shall not exceed sixty cents on the hundred dollars valuation; in cities and towns having less than thirty thousand and over ten thousand inhabitants, said rates shall not exceed sixty cents on the hundred dollars valuation; in cities and towns having less than the count on the hundred dollars valuation. For school purposes in districts composed of cities which liste one hundred dollars valuation. For school purposes in districts shall not exceed forty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. For school purposes in the hundred dollars valuation or more, the sinual rate on property shall not exceed sixty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. For school purposes in districts shall not exceed forty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. For school purposes may be increased, in all districts, to an annount not to exceed one dollars real states. forty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. PROVIDED, the aforesaid annual rates for school purposes may be increased, in all districts, to an amount not to exceed one dollar on the hundred dollars valuation, on the condition that a majority of the voters who are campayers, voting at an election hald to decide the question, vote for said increase. For the purpose of erecting public buildings in countles, cities or achool districts, the rate of taxation herein limited may be increased when the rate of such increase and purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the people, and two-pibrids of the qualified voters of such county, city or school district, voting at such election, shall vote therefor. The rate herein allowed to each county shall be ascertained by the amount of taxable property therein, according to the last casesument for state and county purposes, and the rate allowed to each city or town by the number of inhabitants, according to the last casesument for state and county purposes, and the rate allowed to each city or town by the number of inhabitants, according to the last casesument for state and county purposes, and the rate allowed to each city or town by the number of inhabitants, according to the last cases of the United States; said restrictions as to rates shall apply to taxes of every kind and description whether general or special, except face in the city of 8t. Louis may levy for municipal purposes, in addition to the municipal rate of taxetion such ladebtedness; PROVIDED, that of St. Louis may levy for municipal; in addition to the municipal rate of above provided, a rate not exceeding which would be allowed for county put said city were part of a county.

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CON-CURRING THEREIN:

CURRING THEREIN:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the Tassday next following the first Monday in November, A. D. 1918, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state for adoption, the following amendment to the Constitution of this state:
Section 1. Amend section 6 of article XI of the Constitution, by striking out of said section, as words "Ordinary revenue of the state" in lines fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of said section, as it appears on pages 129 and 130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the year 1900, and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Receipts of the state treasury, other than those derived by the authority of section 8 of article XI of the Constitution," se that said section as amended will read as follows: Sec. 6. The proceeds of all lands that have been or hereafter may be granted by the appropriated by this state or the United have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States to this state, and not otherwise appropriated by this state or the United States: also, all moneys, stocks, bonds, lands and other property now belonging to any state fund for purposes of education; also, the net proceeds of all sales of lands and other property and effects that may accrue to the state by eschaet, from unclaired dividends and distributive shares of the estates of deceased persons; also, any proceeds of the sales of the public lands which may have been, or hereafter may be made to this state, and not otherwise appropriated by the state or the terms of the grant, gift or device, shall be paid lato the state treasury, and securely invested and sacredly preserved as a public school fund; the annual income of which fund, together with, so much of the receipts of the state trassury, other than those derived by the submirition, as may be by law set spart for that purpose, shall be faithfully appropriated for establishing and maintaining the free public schools and the state university in this article provided for, and for no other uses or purposes whatsoever.

Sec. 2. That section 7 of article XI of the Constitution be repealed and stricken out, and the following new section 8 of article XI of the Sec. 7. In addition to the tax for state purposes, authorized by section 8 of article X

the following new section acopted in Heu-thereof:
Sec. 7. In addition to the tax for state purposes, authorized by section 8 of article X of the Constitution, there shall be levied and collected fifteen cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, on all the taxable property of the state, which, without action by the gen-eral massembly, shall stand appropriated for and

soon and tell Bernie hello for me.

From Corporal O. M. Phillips to

J. W. Phillips

Division, A. E. F.

shall constitute a fund for the support of the free public schools of the state, and for na other uses or purposes whatsoever. In case the public school fund provided for herein and in section 6 of article XI of the Constitution, fun the support of free public schools, shall be insufficient to sustain a free school at least eight months in every year in each school dis-trict in this state, the general assembly may provide for such deficiency in accordance with section 11 of the article on revenue and tax-ation. THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL

IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CON-CURRING THEREIN. AS FOLLOWS:

be submitted to the qualified voters of this state for adoption the following amendment to the Constitution thereof:

Section 1. That serticle 10 of the Constitution of Missouri be, and the sains is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, to be known as section 23, article 10 of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, which said section shall read as follows:

Sec. 23. In addition to the taxes now authorised to be levied for county purposes, under and by virtue of section 11 of article 10 of the Constitution of this state, and in addition to the special levy for road and bridge purposes authorised by section 22 of article 10 of the Constitution of this state, it shall be the duty of the county court of any county in this state, when authorised annually so to do by a majority of the qualified voters of any road district, general or special, voting thereon, at an election held for such purpose, to make a levy of not to exceed seventy-fire cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on all property within such district, to be collected in the same manner as state and county taxes are collected, and placed to the credit of the road district authorizing such special levy. It shall be the duty of the county centr, on patition for the less than ten qualified voters and tax-payers residing within any such road district as a special election to be held for that purpose, within twenty days after the filing of such petition.

FOURTH CONSTITUTIONAL

Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Mis-souri an amendment to the Constitution thereof, concerning taxation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CON CURRING THEREIN:

That at the general election to be held on a first Tuesday following the first Monday in rember, 1918, the following amendment to a Constitution of Missouri, concerning tax-m, shall be submitted to the qualified voters

of said state, to wit:

Section 1. That article X of the Constitution of Missouri be, and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section twenty-two a (22a), which is in words and figures as follows:

Sec. 22a. A state tax of ten cents on the one hundred deliars assessed valuation shall be levied and collected on all objects and subjects of taxation in the same manner that the state and county taxes are collected. One-balf of all moneys derived from said key shall be placed to the credit of the state read fund. One-fourth shall be apportioned to the counties and the city of St. Louis seconding to their respective areas and one-fourth seconding to population. It shall be the duty of the state and to the city of St. Louis. Such fund when collected shall be used by the counties and the city of St. Louis. Such fund when collected shall be used by the counties for the construction and maintenance of public reads, and by the city of St. Louis for the construction and maintenance of the streets and alleys therein. Whenever the taxable property of the state shall amount to three billing dellars, the rate in this act shall be reduced to five cents on the one hundred dellars valuation. id state, to wit: ection 1. That article X of the Consti-

FIFTH CONSTITUTIONAL

and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amend-ment to the Constitution thereof emocraing revenue and taxation by inserting is sec-tion ISs of article 10, of the Constitution, certain words.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CON-CURRING THEREIN:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the Toesday following the first Monday in November, 1918, the following amendment, to the Constitution of the state of Missouri shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state, to-wit:

Section 12a of article 10. of the Constitution of the state of the

Missouri snail be submitted to the qualified voters of the state, to-wit:

Section 12a of article 10, of the Constitution of the state of Missouri shall be amended by inserting between the word "same" and the word "provided" as the same appears on line ten thereof, the following words: "or for the purpose of defraying all or any part of the cost of paying, macadamising, grading or otherwise improving the roadway of any atreet, avenue or alley within the corporate limits of such city," so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 12a. Certain cities allowed to incur additional indebtedness for water works and light plants.—Any city in this state containing not more than thirty thousand (80,000) nor less then two thousand (2,000) inhabitants may, with the assent of two-thirds of the voters thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, be allowed to become indebted in a larger amount than specified in rection twelve, of article ten (30) of the Constitution of this state, not exceeding an additional five (5) per centum of the value of the taxable property therein, for the purpose of purchasing or constructing water-works, electric or other light plants, to be owned asclusively by the city so purchasing or constructing water-works, electric or other light plants, to be sowned asclusively by the city so purchasing or constructing water-works, electric or other light plants, to be sowned asclusively by the city so purchasing or constructing water-works, electric or other light plants, to be sowned asclusively by the city so purchasing or constructing water-works, electric or other light plants, to be owned asclusively by the city so purchasing or constructing water-works, macadamising, grading or otherwise improving the roadway of any street, avenue or alley within the corporate limits of such city; PRO-VIDED, that any such city four-ring such indistinguishes requiring the assent of the voters as aforeanid shall have the power to provide for, and be fore or at the time of incurring such legislate

SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REP-RESENTATIVES, THE CURRING THEREIN:

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri by the Initiative.

SEVENTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PROPLE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI:

The Constitution of the state shall be and the same is hereby amended by adding the following Section to Article XIV thereof:
Sec. 13. There is hereby established in the state Treasury a fund to be known as the Homestead Loan Fund.

Baid Homestead Loan Fund shall be lent to citizens of Missouri for the following purposes and for no other purposes whatsoever: (1) to purchase homesteads; (2) to evert permanent improvements on homesteads. Not more than three-fourths of the appraised value of any homestead shall be lent thereon; provided, however, that three-fourths of the appraised value of the improvement may be added to the infection of the appraised value of the land to ascertain the limit of the loan. No lean exceeding three thousand dollars shall be recured by note and mortgage or deed of trust constituting a first lien on the homestead, except taxes and special assessments; and the improvement on the homestead, and the improvement on the homestead shall be kept safely insured against fire and windstorms of the full insurable value threed, and the improvement on the homestead shall be kept safely insured against fire and windstorms of the full insurable value threed, and the policies shall be assigned as additional security for the lean. Every lean made from said fund shall bear interest at three per cant per annum, beginning one year after date of the lean, which interest, together with one-twentisch of the principal, thail be paid at the end of sech year thereafter until the loon is paid in full; provided, however, that if the homestead on which such loan is made shall cease to be used as such by the owner thereof or his family, then the unpaid portion of such loan shall bear come payable in three equal installments falling due at the dates of the next three Intalliments at the secting following the setification of the section of the s

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It shall be the duty of the Legislature at its first meeting following the setification of this amandment to enact such legislation as may give full force and effect to the provisions thereof, and of all state and local officers respectively to execute the same under penalty of a forfeiture of their office.

EIGHTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

oviding that all public revenues shall be desired from taxatiza upon the unimproved value of land based upon assessments made on and after June 1st. 1919, and from taxes upon the manufacture and sale of intexicating liquors and tobacco, and on incomes and inheritances: shellshing all constitutional limitations on the rates of taxation, and empowering the legislature, county courts and municipal authorities to fix the rate for state and solool, county and municipal purposes, respectively, classifying rights of way of public utilities for purposes of taxation, and repealing all constitutional provisions in conflict herewith.

The Constitution of Missouri shall be and the same is hereby amended by adding the following Section to Article X thereof:

All public revenues for state, county, municipal, school and all other public purposes shall be derived from taxes on the value of land exclusive of improvements and from such taxes as may be imposed by law on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, and on incomes and inheritances; but this shall rot prevent the imposition of such license taxes as may be necessary to a proper exercise of the police power. Rights of way for public utilities shall be deemed property in land and the value thereof shall be taxed accordingly if not owned by the public. This amendment shall govern all taxes for which assessments shall be minde on and after Yane let, 1919, but not these assessed before that The Constitution of Miss amendment shall govern all taxes for which assessments shall be made on and after June 1st, 1919, but not those assessed before that date. All constitutional limitations of rates of assessment and taxation are hereby abolished and the legislature is hereby empowered to fix such rate of taxation as shall produce the revenue required for state and school purposes and in counties the County Court of each county and in municipalities the corporate authorities of each municipality shall have power to determine the rate necessary to produce the revenue needed from time to time for municipal purposes, provided that any school district in the state may increase the rate for school purposes fixed by the legislature by submitting such increase to a vote of the people of such district. All provisions of the Constitution conflicting herewith are repealed to far as they so conflict.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT

Prices Today:

MINTE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

That at the general election to be held an Teamlay, following the tirst Monday in November, 1914, there shall be withinked to the qualified voters of Missouri, for adoption or rejection, the following constitutional amendment, to-writ: The repeal of Sections Rixteem and Seventsen of Article Nine of the Constitution of Missouri, and the adoption of the following new sections in Heu thereof:

Section 16. Charter Framed by Large Oithers—Any city, having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants may frame and adopt a charter for its own government, consistent with and subject to the Constitution and laws of the state in the following manner:

The legislastive authorities of the city may provide, by ordinance, for submission to the voters the question: "Shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?" If such ordinance the outer state of the maxt general election und figure of the maxt general election under figure the maxt general election and figure the maxt general election thereafter, except as herein otherwise provided. Such question shall also be enhantited, when requested, by a netition signed by 15 per cent of the qualified voters of such city. If such partition prays for a special election and is algued by 20 per cent of the qualified voters of such city. If such partition provided for here in the partition provided for here in the partition provided for here in the filling of such petition. The partition provided for here in the partition of elections to sign any patition in such city. If such petition, the least proceeding general municipal election. The partition provided for here in the partition of the least provided provided

the next election held in the city not less than sixty days after its presser, or at a special election. If called for in the manner hereinshere proposed, in Section Sixteen of this Article. Any proposed amendment submitted to the electors, and approved by a majority of these voting thereon, shall become a part of the city charter at the time and under the conditions or articles may be submitted in the alternative and determined in the same way as hereinbefore provided with reference to alternative sections or articles of a complete charter.

STATE OF MISSOURI, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Secretary of State
the State of Missouri, hereby certify that
a foregoing is a full, true and complete copy
the six joint and concurrent resolutions of
Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State
Missouri; also of the three amendments to
Constitution proposed by initiative petin to be submitted to the qualified voters of
a State of Missouri at the general election
be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of Novem, 1918.

to be held on Tuesday, the bern 1918.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri. Done at office in the City of Sefferson this 12th day of August, A. D. 1918.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN,

Secretary of State.

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 30c

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 Scaley-bark Hickory Nuts, large \$1.00

ner with them today. We had string beans, potatoes, roast pork, rabbit, to-matoes, lettuce and onions, and other things. It sure was fire. The old man works twelve hours a day for five Francs, which is 87 cents in U. S. money. Women get two Francs (35 cents). Things are pretty high. You was saying something about the French girls. They are off in the large cities working and we don't see many of them. I think the large part of the American boys prefer American From ROY. Headquarters Co. 140, W. S. Inf., 35 France, Aug. 11, 1918.

Dear Brother:—I received your surprising letter a few days age. Had been expecting to hear from you for some time, but had given up all hopes. Nevertheless, I was glad to hear from you, and glad you were all well.

This leaves me well and getting along fine. We are having a good time. We have an American Y. M. C. A. and can get American tobacco and newspapers. It is hard to real-

ner with them today. We had string

the American boys prefer American girls. I do, anyway. Tell Esther to write to me and not wait for an ans-wer. Write at least once a week. I have several other letters to write, so I had better close. Answer soon and write at least one a week. With love

I am, as ever, your brother, OSCAR. Co. F. 138 U. S. Infantry, A. E. F.

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